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Attached please find Form PTO-1449 together with the references as stated in the European Search Report.

- U.S. 4,997,407 has been cited in the European Search Report of April 7, 2004 under Category X with column 4 lines 4 - 17 and Fig. 4 indicated to be relevant to European claims 1 and 3 - 5. Although this reference is indicated to be particularly relevant (Category X) it can be noted that the reference actually refers to the state of the art which is depicted by way of example in Figs. 1 and 2 of the above-referenced application. The reference fails to teach a combination of features claimed including a divider such as divider 150 which divides the cavity into which the constraint members 120 are housed, into two portions. This reference fails to teach and fails to suggest the combination of features noted as the reference teaches a single constraint element which slides within a housing or cavity which is not divided into two parts.

- FR 818 717 has also been cited under Category X with page 1 lines 49 - page 56 and Figs. 1 - 3 indicated to be relevant to the European claims 1, 3 - 5. The same comments apply to this reference as to the reference discussed immediately above. The reference appears to depict the state of the art and fails to teach or suggest the divider such as divider 150 which divides the cavity, in to which the constraint member 120 are housed, in to two portions. The reference fails to teach or suggest the combination of features claimed.

- U.S. 2002/0187840 has been cited under Category X with Figs. 1 and 2 indicated to be relevant to European claims 1, 3 - 5. The same comments with regard to the above references applies to this reference as well. The reference appears to simply show the state of the art. The reference fails to teach a divider such as divider 150 which divides the cavity, in to which the constraint members 120 are housed, in to two portions. As such, the reference fails to teach or suggest the combination of features claimed.

- EP 1 176 327 has been cited under Category X with paragraph 0009 and Figs. 2, 3, 7 - 10 indicated to be relevant to European claims 1 and 3 - 5. As with the references above, the reference actually shows the state of the art. The reference fails to teach or suggest a divider 150 which divides the cavity, into which the constraint members 120 are housed, into two portions. As such, the reference fails to suggest the combination of features claimed.

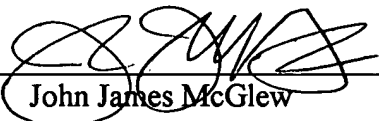
- JP 06-185535 has been cited under Category X with Figs. 2, 3, 12, 16, 17 and 21 indicated to be relevant to European claims 1, and 3 - 5. The reference actually only shows the state of the art, such as the state of the art depicted in Figs. 1 and 2 of the above referenced application. The reference fails to teach and fails to suggest a divider such as divider 150 which

divides the cavity, in to which the constraint members 120 are housed, in to two portions. The reference fails to teach or suggest the combination of features claimed.

Consideration of the above references is requested.

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	<u>JP 6-185535</u>	<u>July 5, 1994</u>	<u>Japan</u>			<u>No</u>

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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